



**River Oak**  
Center for Children

October 9, 2019

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Teresa Sale  
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Dear Teresa,

Thank you so much for your support of River Oak's Santa's Workshop event in past years as a volunteer, donor or toy drive/giving tree host. Please consider this request for assistance with toys and gifts for 2019. As hard as it is to believe, the Holiday Season is fast approaching. Helping provide a gift for each of our clients and their siblings takes a major stress off the parents or caregivers who are struggling financially. Last year at Santa's Workshop over 1,000 children and youth received Christmas gifts due to the generosity of our community. While our service focus is mental health, we look at the wider needs of the children and family.

Here's how you can help this Holiday Season:

- Host a toy drive or giving tree at your place of business, worship or recreation
- Donate new unwrapped items from the attached wish list or from our Amazon Wish List: <http://a.co/cdhMAXR>
- Donate online at [RiverOak.org/donate](http://RiverOak.org/donate)

**We hope that you will contact us by November pt to confirm your participation with us this year so that we may plan accordingly to support your efforts. We would like to complete all drives by Friday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019.** Please note that due to accounting guidelines, we prefer to not receive gift cards. Additionally, we are unable to give out any toys that look like or could be used as weapons along with items that are primarily solid blue or red in color. Thank you for understanding.

*Included you will find a sign to hang on your collection bin and a list for gift ideas.*

Feel free to contact us with any questions. Our federal tax ID number is 94-2519001. Thank you for believing in River Oak's mission.

Sincerely,



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## River Oak Center for Children

# River Oak Center for Children Holiday Gift Drive 2019

River Oak is one of the area's largest providers of behavioral and mental health services for financially disadvantaged children and youth. We serve over 1100 children and youth on any given day with a wide array of innovative and evidence based practices to meet the individual needs of the youth and family with the highest quality of care. With the holidays approaching, which we recognize can be a stressful time, we strive to provide a gift to each child and their siblings in order to help brighten the season for families who are already facing challenges.

Caregivers are often unable to provide gifts for their children as they struggle to meet basic everyday needs. Helping provide a gift for each of our clients and their siblings takes a major stress off them. In December we will hold our annual Santa's Workshop event and serve children and youth from birth through age 21. Last year at this event over 1,000 children and youth received Christmas gifts due to the generosity of our community. A list of ideas for the most requested items follows. Please note that due to accounting guidelines, we prefer to not receive gift cards. Additionally, we are unable to give out any toys that look like or could be used as weapons along with items that are primarily solid blue or red in color. Thank you for understanding.

## Wish List

### Infant

- Warm Clothing
- Developmental Toys
- Learning Toys
- Building Sets
- Stacking Toys
- Crib Toys
- Stuffed Toys
- Pull Toys
- Musical Toys
- Instruments
- Books

### Children

- Baby Dolls- Multi-cultural
- Action Figures (DC Heroes, Star Wars, etc.)
- Shopkins
- Remote Control Anything
- Board Games
- Play Doh Sets
- Lego, K'Nex, and Legos for girls
- Sports Equipment (Basketballs, Footballs etc.)
- Hot Wheels
- Sleeping Bags
- Science Sets
- Star Wars
- Mine Craft
- Paw Patrol
- STEM games
- Anything Pokemon
- Sesame Street
- Hatchimals
- Books

### PreT-n&T-n

- Curling Irons/Wands
- Flat Irons
- Blow Dryers
- Journals with Pens
- Portable Chargers
- Digital Music Player
- Bath & Beauty Products (i.e. fragrances, nail polish sets, makeup etc.) \*no razor sets please\*
- Sport/Team Jerseys (Size L & XL)
- Headphones and Earbuds
- Accessory sets (i.e. scarves, beanies, jewelry, wallets, purses, etc.)
- Sports Equipment
- Games
- Professional Art Supplies (not Crayola)
- Duffie bags
- Teen Room Decorative Items
- Flashlights
- Reusable water bottles
- Wireless Speakers
- Books
- Adult coloring books

**Donations will be placed upon or by \_\_\_\_\_ 2019.**  
Please contact Mary Bush at (916) 609-4957 for further information.  
Thank you for making the holidays a time of joy for our community's children.

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